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 1. At 3:30 p.m. on 7 November, a train with about 30 trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance, 1 sedan, 2 field kitchens, 9 x 37-mm AA guns and about 80 to 90 soldiers passed through the Treuenbrietzen railroad station toward Beelitz from the direction of Justerbog. 25X1

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 2. At about 6 p.m. on 12 November, two troop trains were loaded at the Eisenach freight station. Motor vehicles and weapons observed included 10 T-34 tanks 25X1
 ten 100-mm AT guns; 10 prime movers; 30 to 40 trucks 25X1

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 7 tank trucks; 2 sedans bus occupied by a 25X1
 colonel and occupied by a major wearing tank insignia; and
 several jeeps Each train included
 eight boxcars with soldiers. Both trains departed toward Erfurt at about 9:30 p.m..¹

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 3. At 11 a.m. on 13 November, an artillery unit of eight trucks towing four 122-mm field howitzers passed southward through the south-eastern exit of Ohrdruf. The trucks towing guns carried about eight soldiers each. The other trucks were loaded with ammunition boxes. After about 1 hour, the unit was seen about 3 kilometers south of Ohrdruf, west of the road to Suhl. The guns were emplaced and the gunners worked on the emplacement. The barrels of the guns pointed toward Suhl. The vehicles were camouflaged against aerial observation. One radio truck and one truck were about 200 meters north of the emplacements. Telephone wire was unloaded from the truck. Ten men constructed a telephone line toward Ohrdruf.²

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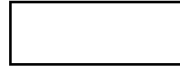
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1. Comment. the tank unit belongs to the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. Although
 probably also belong to the tank unit
 the AT unit presumably is the 76th Arty Brig (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps.

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A previous report [redacted] indicated that on 10 or 7 October the units departed along with troops of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps to take part in the Eighth Gds Army maneuvers. The reports tend to indicate that the units held firing practices after the maneuvers. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. It is believed [redacted] a battery of the 936th How Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which is stationed at Chrdruf.

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